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*Puzzling Case on Trial in the Circuit Court.

NEWS OF ALL LOCAL COURTS

Irving Sharpsteen Sues Three Big Cor porations for Damages for His Team-Criminals on Trial.

A puzzling and somewhat peculial Pase was opened in the circuit court yesterday before Judge Grove. Irving Sharpstein, of Wyoming township, was driving his favorite team of horses slong Monroe street, when a telegraph wire running from the Grand Rapids & ludiana railroad company's office to Pruesser and Harkness jewelry stores broke, fell across the trolly wires of the Consolidated Street Railroad company, swayed to and fro, and struck the herses, killing one instantly and seversiy shocking the other. He refused to take the horse yet living. It was put into Greenhef's barn, and later late the pound. Here it was sold at auction to Waiter Tate for \$12, and later by him for \$50. Sharpstein wanted to recover the value of his team, but all parties denied blame. It was afterwards learned that men in the employ of the Grand Rapids Electric Light
and Power company had been repairing wires on a pole, near which the
telegraph wire passed, and in some
manner, were responsible for the snapping of the wire.

McKnight and Fairfield were en-

gaged as attorneys by Sharpstein, and defendants were made of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad company, the Grand Rapids Electric Light and Power company and the Consolidated Street Railway company. First one and then the other of the lawyers for the companies wanted action against their clients dismissed, alleging that neither was to blame, but the court refused to entertain the motions. The plaintiff wants pay for both horses, and places damages at \$500. Fourtgen witnesses in all were sworn. The case will go to

ARRESTED FOR ROBE STEALING.

Tricky Thieres Brought to Bay by the

Sylvester Allen was arrested several days ago on suspicion of having fatolen a robe which was found in his posses-sion. He imagined his brother-in-law, Nelson Cole, had given the information which led to his arrest, and, determined that his relative should not escape un-punished, revealed the fact to Detect-ives Smith and Darr that Cole had stolen the robe and with it a carriage valued at \$150, from P. W. Gravis of Otsego. A reward of \$20 was offered for the detection of the thief. The detectives located the buggy, which had been considerably altered and repaint-ed, in the possession of Nye & Lee, to whom Cole had traded it. As the case was not within the jurisdiction of the detectives it was turned ever to Deputy Sheriff Leonard, who arrested Cole. Gravis made complaint.

NORTON GOES TO JAIL. He is Held for Trial and Cannot Furnish a 82,000 Ball Bond.

In the Charles Norton criminal assault case the people concluded their greater bargains than were ever made in the musical merchandise line.

the testimony of Georgie Canfield, All new goods to select from. No Mate Parish and Eva Pennell, was read and signed. The story of the little children was straightforward and without a flaw. When the prosecuting attorney announced that his evidence was all in, the attorney for the defense also decided to close. Judge Haggerty aized the defendant up critically and then, regretting that he had not the power to finally dispose of the case, held Norton for trial at the next term of the superior court. The bail was fixed at \$2,000, in default of which he went to jail.

News Items of the Courts.

The assault and battery case of the people against William Hudson of of Byron township was adjourned yesterday by Justice Brown until Janu-

John Murphy, a vagrant, was sent-enced to the county jail yesterday for twenty days by Justice Hydorn.

Lars itanson was examined in police court yesterday on the charge of having stolen a coat from the union depot, and a pocket-book. The evidence in-troduced was not of a convicting nature, and the respondent's story was so plain that Judge Haggerty dis-

Fred W. Church was arraigned in police court yesterday, charged with the largeny of \$5 and a pair of gold cuff buttons from the Leland hotel, the property of James O'Raiferty. He pleaded not guilty and will have an examination January 27.

Grist of the Divorce Mill.

Judge Adait granted a divorce to Horatio S. Shaver from his wife, Lizzie Shaver, on the grounds of desertion,

In Maria Wilson against Sherman Wilson the complainant has filed a petition for alimony.

Edward J. Dickie has made application to the circuit court for a divorce from his wife, Emma Dickie, on the grounds of desertion. He also wants the custody of the children.

Returns in Sproat-Waters Case.

Returns in the case of criminal life! egainst William J. Sproat and D. R. Waters, brought by Lieutenant Hurley, were filed with the county clerk yesterday.

The returns in the case against Michael Collins, convicted of crucity animals in police court, were also

LAW AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court-Part 1. JUDGE GROVE.

frying Sharpeteen vs. Grand Rapids Electrical Light and Power company. Consolidated Street Railway company and the Grand Rapids Street Railway company; trespass on the case; on

United States Express company vs. George S. Toot and Elias Matter; pro-ceedings stayed twenty days. Frank M. Peters vs. Kent County Street Railway company; assumpait; centinued without cests.

Edward J. Dickey vs. Fmma J Dickey; chancery; decree for com plannant.

Will Burnett vs. Jarvie C. Train;
secumpent; judgment for plaintiff for
189.53 costs.

JUDGE RASSERTY. Fred W. Church, largeny less than \$25; adjourned to Jacuary 27. People

JUDGE BUBLINGAME. Frank G. Alberts and William Dono-an vs. John F. Quigley and James H. urbam; discontinued

Dr. Hess, who has been collecting statistics and has examined the tips of many lightning rods, finds that fusion of the points never occurs. A fine smooth point receives the lightning in a concentrated form, while angled or ribbed, as well as bunt points, divide it into threads. Dr. Hess considers that platinum needles and tips are entirely unnecessary, for they have ne advantage over copper points; but as there are lightning strokes which are capable of making wire 0 20 in thick candescent, unbranched copper conductors should never be of less diameter than this, though in a good lightning red the main point is to secure perfect communication between it and the

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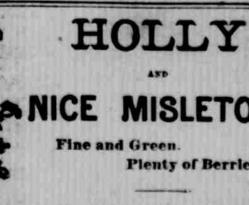
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